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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Security Committee

SUBJECT: Security Policy on Travel and Assignment
of Personnel with Access to Sensitive
Compartmented Information

REFERENCE: DIA Memo dated 15 December 1975

1. The action contemplated by DIA is at variance with the DCI Communications Intelligence Security Regulations. Without arguing the merits or demerits of the DIA action I would submit that they do not have the unilateral authority suggested to change the policy. One could draw the conclusion that anybody in a leave status could travel to Albania, Syria, etc. without requesting approval. There is no indication in the memorandum that the Defensive Security Briefing is required as opposed to being emphasized.

2. The provisions of the CISR provide a great deal of flexibility; but, within a controlled mechanism. The DIA action would appear to remove all controls. Therefore, notwithstanding my opinion that they don't have the authority, I also question the merit. This may put into question the overall authority of the DCI to establish these policies for DoD personnel but, must be viewed under his umbrella of protection of sources and methods and establishing the policies for same. I assume that we are confronted with a similar dilemma vis-a-vis the

3. Finally, if DIA finds the present policies ineffective and cumbersome perhaps they should address that matter directly rather than an absolute elimination of the policy. With regard to SIGINT and the CISR we are assuming that it is a SIGINT Committee action. The DIA Member of the Security Committee should be so advised.

Executive Secretary /
SIGINT Committee